

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:  
an optical lens for use in eyeglasses, said lens having an edge; ~~and,~~  
a color coating affixed to at least a portion of only the edge of the lens, said colored coating being effective to reduce the appearance of a white ring along the perimeter of the face of said lens, wherein said colored coating is translucent.
2. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a scratch-guard coating.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an eyeglass frame having a color wherein the lens is affixed to the eyeglass frame.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the color of the colored coating matches the color of the eyeglass frame.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the color of the colored coating does not match the color of the eyeglass frame.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the colored coating is not affixed to the face of the lens.
9. (Currently amended) A method of applying a colored coating to an optical lens for use in eyeglasses, said lens having an edge, comprising applying the colored coating to at least a portion of the edge of the lens such that the colored coating is affixed only to

the edge of the lens, said colored coating being effective to reduce the appearance of a white ring along the perimeter of the face of said lens; and

placing the lens under a heat source, wherein the heat source is an ultraviolet light.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
removing any excess colored coating from the face of the lens.
11. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
applying a scratch-guard coating to the lens.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the colored coating matched the color of an optical frame for the lens.
16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9 further comprising allowing the colored coating to dry before placing the lens under the heat source.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)